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D. Ruhl

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Dennis Ruhl

(3) Michael Tyesech

(2) Jim Bahr

(4)

Date of Interview 12-9-02

Type: ☐ Telephonic ☐ Televideo Conference ☒ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☒ applicant's representative)

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, brief description: 3 samples of a sanitary napkin for absorbent core that have been embossed and are representative of an embossed article

Agreement ☐ was reached. ☒ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: 1

Identification of prior art discussed: Mizutani (5613 960), Fung et al. (5,423,786)

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed the rejection of record and arguments were presented as to why the applied prior art does not have "preferential bending zone", as claimed. No agreement was reached and applicant's counsel indicated that an After Final ^{response} may be filed soon. Examiner Ruhl indicated that if an after final is filed, ex. Ruhl will consult with ex. Kidwell on the merits of the rejection.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an attachment to another form.

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